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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: GKR/GVN CONTINENTAL SHELF BOUNDARY DISPUTE

REF: SAGION 1343

1. MINISTER OF INDUSTRY TOLD EMBASSY OFFICER FEBRUARY 22 THAT GKR HAS INFORMED GVN THE KHMER FIVE-MAN DELEGATION ON THE OIL QUESTION IS READY TO GO TO SAIGON AT ANY TIME. GENERAL AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED TO MEET AT THE END OF FEBRUARY; IT IS NOW UP TO THE GVN TO SET THE PRECISE DATE.

2. CONCERNING THE COMPOSITION OF THE DELEGATION, MINISTER COMMENTED THAT THIS IS THE "FIRST CONTACT" TO SOUND OUT THE GVN. SHOULD THE PARTICIPATION OF MORE EMINENT EXPERTS SUCH AS PHUONG TON, PHNOM PENH UNIVERSITY RECTOR, BE NECESSARY, HE WILL BE DISPATCHED AT A LATER DATE. AS FOR SIENG PENG SE, HE IS IN FRANCE NOW FOR SURGERY.

3. IN ANY CASE, ACCORDING TO THE MINISTER, THE GKR POSITION REMAINS AS DESCRIBED IN EARLIER TRAFFIC FROM THIS POST, I.E. A LINE INFORMALLY DIVIDING THE DISPUTED ZONE IN HALF. THE GKR DELEGATION WILL SEE IF THE GVN IS STILL WILLING TO SETTLE THE MATTER ON THIS BASIS; IF SO, AN AGREEMENT CAN BE REACHED QUICKLY. THE GKR
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HOPES THIS WILL BE THE CASE.

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